

Judith 13

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13:1 Now when the evening was come, his servants made haste to depart, and Bagoas shut his tent without, and dismissed the waiters from the presence of his

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**lord; and they
went to their beds:
for they were all
weary, because
the feast had
been long.**

13:2 And Judeth
was left alone in
the tent, and
Holofernes lying
alone upon his

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**bed: for he was
filled with wine.**

13:3 Now Judeth
had commanded
her maid to stand
without her
bedchamber, and
to wait for her.
coming forth, as
she did daily: for
she said she

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**would go forth to
her prayers, and
she spake to
Bagoas according
to the
same purpose.**

13:4 So all went
forth and none
was left in the
bedchamber,
neither little nor

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**great. Then
Judeth, standing
by his bed, said in
her heart, O Lord
God of all power,
look at this
present upon the
works of mine
hands for the
exaltation of
Jerusalem.**

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13:5 For now is
the time to help
thine inheritance,
and to execute
thine enterprizes
to the destruction
of the enemies
which are risen
against us.

13:6 Then she
came to the pillar

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**of the bed, which
was at Holofernes'
head, and took
down his fauchion
from thence,**

13:7 And

**approached to his
bed, and took hold
of the hair of his
head, and said,
Strengthen me, O**

**Lord God of
Israel, this day.**

13:8 And she
smote twice upon
his neck with all
her might, and she
took away his
head from him.

13:9 And tumbled
his body down
from the bed, and

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**pulled down the canopy from the pillars; and anon after she went forth, and gave Holofernes his head to her maid;
13:10 And she put it in her bag of meat: so they twain went**

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**together
according to their
custom unto
prayer: and when
they passed the
camp, they
compassed the
valley, and went
up the mountain
of Bethulia, and
came to the gates**

thereof.

13:11 Then said
Judeth afar off, to
the watchmen at
the gate, Open,
open now the
gate: God, even
our God, is with
us, to shew his
power yet in
Jerusalem, and

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**his forces against
the enemy, as he
hath even done
this day.**

13:12 Now when
the men of her city
heard her voice,
they made haste
to go down to the
gate of their city,
and they called

**the elders
of the city.**

13:13 And then
they ran all
together, both
small and great,
for it was strange
unto them that she
was come: so they
opened the gate,
and received

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**them, and made
a fire for a light,
and stood round
about them.**

13:14 Then she
said to them with
a loud voice,
Praise, praise
God, praise God,
I say, for he hath
not taken away his

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**mercy from the
house of Israel,
but hath
destroyed our
enemies by mine
hands this night.**

13:15 So she took
the head out of the
bag, and shewed
it, and said unto
them, behold the

**head of
Holofernes, the
chief captain of
the army of Assur,
and behold the
canopy, wherein
he did lie in his
drunkenness; and
the Lord hath
smitten him by the
hand of a woman.**

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13:16 As the Lord liveth, who hath kept me in my way that I went, my countenance hath deceived him to his destruction, and yet hath he not committed sin with me, to defile and shame me.

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13:17 Then all the people were wonderfully astonished, and bowed themselves and worshipped God, and said with one accord,
Blessed be thou,
O our God, which hast this day

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**brought to nought
the enemies
of thy people.**

13:18 Then said
Ozias unto her, O
daughter, blessed
art thou of the
most high God
above all the
women upon the
earth; and blessed

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**be the Lord God,
which hath
created the
heavens and the
earth, which hath
directed thee to
the cutting off of
the head of the
chief of our
enemies.**

13:19 For this thy

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**confidence shall
not depart from
the heart of men,
which remember
the power of
God for ever.**

13:20 And God
turn these things
to thee for a
perpetual praise, to
visit thee in good

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**things because
thou hast not
spared thy life for
the affliction of our
nation, but hast
revenged our ruin,
walking a straight
way before our
God. And all the
people said; So
be it, so be it.**